GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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REHABILITATION POLICY
HARIBHAU MAHALE

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to formulate a National Rehabilitation Policy for oustees of major and medium irrigation projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the policy is likely to become into force?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) Programme for resettlement & rehabilitation of persons affected by reservoir projects are presently carried out by the State Governments/Project authorities as an integral part of the project based on their own policies which vary from State to State and Project to Project. Steps have been initiated for adopting a National Policy on Resettlement & Rehabilitation of persons affected by reservoir projects to get over the shortcomings in the implementation of resettlement and rehabilitation programmes. A draft policy document in this regard has been prepared by the National Water Board for consideration of the National Water Resources Council. However, the consideration/adoption of the said Policy by the National Water Resources Council depends on further modifications, if considered necessary, after the "National Policy on Resettlement and Rehabilitaiton of persons of families adversely affected or displaced on account of compulsory acquisition of land" and "Amendment to the Land Acquisition Act, 1894" presently under consideration by the Government is finalised in consultation with the States and various voluntary organisations.